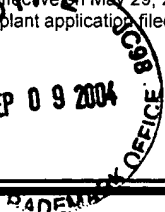


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on: _____
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- iii. ☐ Other _____
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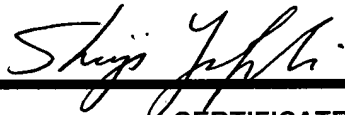
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